

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the side panels [(6 and
3 7)] are made of an insulating foil.

6. (canceled)

1 7. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ 13 wherein the hand holes [(19)]
3 are each made as an opening punched in the respective handle
4 patches [(15 and 16)].

8. (canceled)

1 9. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ 13 wherein the side panels [(12 and
3 13)] are made of an insulating foil.

1 10. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ 13 wherein the handle patches [(15
3 and 16)] are welded on directly below the closure [(14)].

1 11. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~claim 6, characterized in that~~ 13 wherein the handle patches [[(15
3 and 16)]] are welded on together with the closure [[(14)]].

12. (canceled)

1 13. (new) A shopping bag comprising:
2 a pair of thermoplastic side panels having welded
3 together side and bottom, top edges defining a fill opening, inner
4 faces turned toward each other, and outer faces turned away from
5 each other;
6 a closure having a pair of interfittable profile strips
7 welded to the inner faces of the side panels at the top edges and a
8 slider shiftable across the profile strips to fit together and
9 separate the strips; and
10 a pair of flexible thermoplastic handle patches each
11 formed with a hand hold and each welded at a respective one of the
12 top edges to the outer face of a respective one of side panels so
13 as to normally extend downward away from the top edge and lie
14 flatly against the respective outer face, the patches being
15 foldable upward such that the hand holes lie above the top edges in
16 alignment with each other.